Last week, U.S. News and World Report posted their rankings for the 2008 Best High Schools in America. I am proud to say that our area's strong academic performance has proved yet again why so many families make the 10th district their home.

As a New Trier grad, I must admit that Stevenson High School in Lincolnshire is one of 100 out of 18,790 schools nationwide that received the Gold Medal Award.

The next 405 top-performing high schools nationwide earned Silver Medals. Among these schools were ten high schools from the 10th district: Buffalo Grove, Deerfield, Glenbrook South, Glenbrook North, Lake Forest, Libertyville, New Trier, Prospect, Vernon Hills, and William Fremd.

Congratulations to all of the recipients of this great honor. High-quality educational opportunities are the cornerstones of strong communities. We are fortunate to have parents and educators who are so committed to the kids of the 10th district.

